



ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

A Pioneering Educational Community

Convocation

August 22, 1994

*"We will create a space for the practice
of the community of truth"*

Parker Palmer

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10:00 am

Opening Selections

Selected Pieces
Jonathan Besancon

Welcome

Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall
Executive Director

Dr. Gregg Sinner
Principal

Jessica Droste
Student Council President

Musical Selection

Serge Rachmaninoff
" Etude-Tableau"
in E Flat Minor
op.39, No 5

Jonathan Besancon
Foreign Language Faculty

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Terri Willard
Charter Class Graduate

Formal lunch following in the cafeteria

Terri Willard

A charter class graduate of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Terri Willard has seen the world. From Illinois to Costa Rica and Appalachia to the Philippines, she has travelled the globe in an effort to educate others about recycling and conservation. Terri was recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship due to her outstanding work both here and abroad.

Originally from Palatine, Terri earned a B.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. She is fluent in Spanish and studied abroad in Costa Rica for one year.

This year, Terri is an intern with the International Institute for Rural Reconstruction in Manila, the Philippines. This experience was made possible by a Henry Luce Foundation scholarship, a prestigious award given to 18 Americans each year. Terri will be working with people who live on protected lands and helping them learn how to use their resources more appropriately.

While maintaining a 3.968 average in college, Terri volunteered for many organizations, including the Georgetown University Environmental Society, District Action Project, and Georgetown Recycles. During this time, she tutored, coordinated food and clothing drives, organized Senate petition drives, served on university committees, led group meetings, and earned a purple belt in Tae Kwon Do. She also served as an intern for the International Resources Group, organizing its 5,000-volume library and database system.

She spent several summers as a science curriculum assistant for a school district in Palatine. Her duties included administering a \$56,000 state grant for the planning and construction of a nature trail and an accompanying fourth and fifth grade curriculum.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

Albert Einstein